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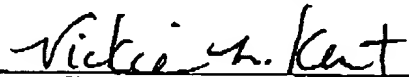
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In response to a Notice of Noncompliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) dated, 4 December 2006, a new claims listing is submitted as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.